

## Message Text

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, CU, FI  
SUBJECT: STATUS OF US-CUBA SKYJACKING AGREEMENT

REF: HELSINKI 1451

1. POST RECEIVED INQUIRY ON STATUS OF SKYJACKING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM KAARLE LEHMUS, CHIEF OF HELSINKI AIRPORT POLICE, WHO IS PREPARING A STUDY ON SKYJACKING, NO DOUBT AS A RESULT OF 10 JULY SKYJACKING OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT THAT LANDED HERE (REFTEL). LEHMUS STATED THAT PREMIER CASTRO DENOUNCED THE US-CUBA MEMORANDUM AFTER THE 6 OCT 76 ALLEGED BOMBING OF A CUBAN AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED IN BARBADOS. THE TERMS OF THE DENOUNCEMENT SUPPOSEDLY CALLED FOR TERMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM AFTER SIX MONTHS, I.E., 6 APRIL 77. LEHMUS UNDERSTANDS THAT USG DID NOT WANT THE MEMORANDUM TO TERMINATE AND DESIRES CURRENT STATUS OF OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP IT IN FORCE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE SUMMARY OF CURRENT SITUATION SUITABLE FOR RELEASE TO MR. LEHMUS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.  
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